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1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. No extension of time or additional fees for the response are required.

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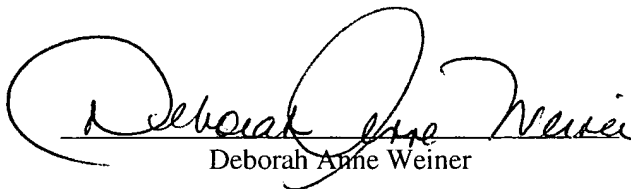
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